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Puttenahalli Lake was revived in 2019 due to dedicated efforts of citizens, careful planning by experts from IISc. But slowly, as those who care watch on helplessly, matters are deteriorating

SLIME & GRIME AGAIN

Storm water drain left open at boundary of lake blamed for current state

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The Puttenahalli lake in Yelahanka, rejuvenated with the efforts of locals, environmentalists and the forest department, is now seeing an unprecedented flow of sewage. Lack of interdepartmental cooperation and accountability has led to the regression, leaving the lake and those who champion them in a state of despair.

Puttenahalli lake, spanning 37 acres in the North of Bengaluru, houses over 120 species of birds and was declared a bird conservation reserve in 2015. The effort taken to ensure this lake remains an active space for biodiversity to thrive is entirely credited to a residents' group called the Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust, which was created in 2012 in order to help resolve the issues threatening the lake's health. The lake was fully restored in 2019. But, now members of the trust believe that it is once again under threat.

Ajay Singh, a resident who lives in the vicinity of the lake and an active user of its walkway, said,

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Stop foeticide

Access to ultrasound rooms to be restricted, activities of relatives accompanying pregnant women will be monitored

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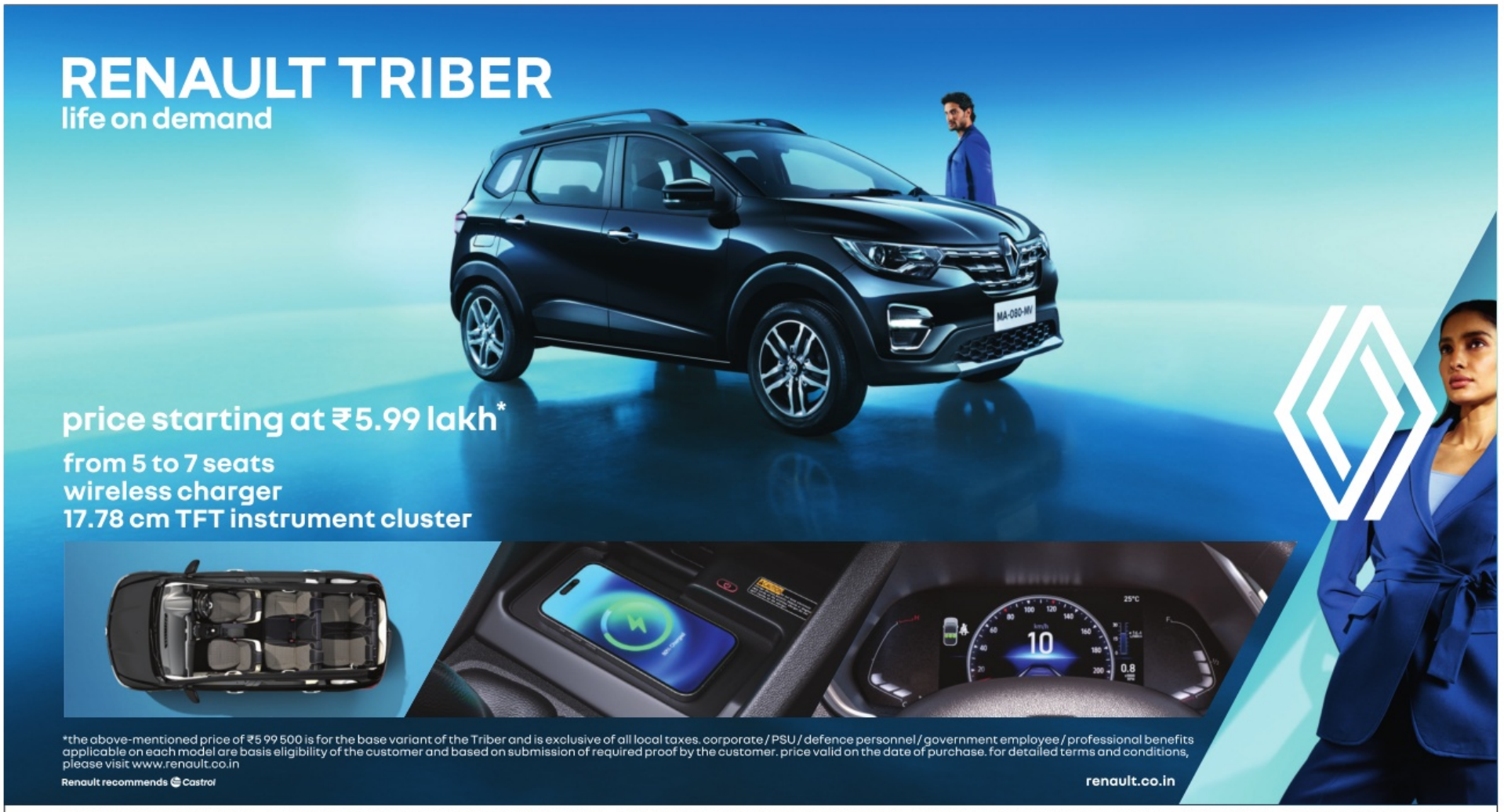
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Sex determination: Kin will be told to stay off ultrasound room

State Government steps up efforts after arrests of people performing 3,000 illegal abortions; new measures to monitor ultrasound procedures and restrict access to curb such practices

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With sex determination tests being conducted in violation of government rules, the State Government has issued instructions to prevent the determination of a foetus's sex and the abortion of female foetuses. However, the practice continues. Recently, four people were arrested for performing an illegal abortion at a government hospital in Mandya district. In response, the health department has decided to take further steps to prevent such incidents, including restricting access to ultrasound rooms and monitoring the activities of relatives accompanying pregnant women to the hospital. Radiologists, sonologists, and gynaecologists have expressed suspicion about the activities of these relatives, suggesting they may be involved in female foeticide.

In a recent workshop on the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 (PC&PNDT), which aims to prevent foetal sex determination and female foeticide, medical professionals raised concerns about relatives who accompany pregnant women to ultrasound rooms.

Vivek Dorai, State Deputy Director (Medical Acts), stated that showing the scanning procedure to the pregnant woman and her relatives has been banned. "This step was taken because some people were recording the procedure and sending it to foreign countries for illegal sex determination. To prevent this, the government has issued a notification banning the practice of showing the scanning procedure to anyone, including the pregnant woman and her relatives," he said.

An official explained, "To prevent the misuse of ultrasound technology for sex determination and female foeticide, the government has issued a notification under the PC&PNDT Act, stating that all registered hospitals and clinics are prohibited from installing additional monitors in the ultrasound room. A sign must be displayed outside the ultrasound room stating that except for the pregnant woman, no other relatives are allowed to enter. If any additional monitor is found installed, strict action will be taken. This notification aims to restrict access to the ultrasound room and prevent the recording and sharing of the procedure, thereby preventing illegal sex determination and female foeticide."

> **"This step was taken because some people were recording the procedure & sending it to foreign countries for illegal sex determination** – Vivek Dorai, State Deputy Director (Medical Acts)

File photo

The issue resurfaced when a jaggery manufacturing centre in Hullenahalli village, Mandya district, was repurposed into a scanning centre for conducting sex determination tests, indicating a severe violation of ethical practices. In response to the female foeticide scandal that has rattled the state, the government conducted a series of meetings to assess the situation and take appropriate action. The investigation into the foeticide scandal in Bengaluru has unearthed shocking revelations. According to police, the accused have reportedly carried out 3,000 female foetus abortions to date. The perpetrators set a target of 1,000 abortions per year, aiming to profit by charging between Rs 20,000 to 25,000 per termination. The scandal came to light on October 15, 2023, when Baiyappanahalli police attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle, leading to a chase and eventual apprehension. Subsequent interrogation revealed the involvement of 9 individuals, including 2 doctors and 3 lab technicians.

2 THINGS TO DO

01 Contemporary theatre

"Tatsama Tadbhava" is an enthralling theatrical performance that delves into the rich tapestry of language, culture, and identity. This play promises to be a thought-provoking journey, blending traditional narratives with contemporary themes to create an unforgettable experience for the audience. **When- May 25; Where- JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar**

02 Be ready to giggle

Join The Forum Clown Festival for a weekend filled with laughter, joy, and entertainment! This vibrant festival brings together some of the best clowns and performers to delight audiences of all ages with their hilarious antics and mesmerising acts. **When- May 26; Where- Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts**

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As the VK Education Fair starts today, students are buzzing with excitement and anticipation. Rahul Raj, a student said, "I can't wait to attend the VK Education Fair this weekend! It's the perfect opportunity to explore all the courses and colleges in one place. I'm hoping to find my dream college and get all my doubts cleared."

Another student, Priya Krishna, shares her thoughts on the fair, stating, "The VK Education Fair is a must-visit for anyone looking to kickstart their career. I'm excited to learn about job opportunities with companies like HCL and SBI, and also explore educational institutions offering courses in Data Analytics and Cyber Security."

Ananya K, an aspiring journalist, adds, "I've been researching different career options, and the VK Education Fair seems like the ideal place to gather information. I'm eager to speak with college representatives and experts about courses in Mass Communication and Media, as well as scholarships available."

Karthik Hebbar, who is interested in healthcare and management fields, emphasises the fair's inclusivity, saying, "The VK Education Fair is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents alike. I'm inviting all my friends and family to join me in exploring courses like MBBS, Dental BDS, and Management. Plus, entry is free for everyone, so there's no reason to miss out!"

> **Students appreciate wealth of information and opportunities available under one roof**

Deepak Gowda, an aspiring engineer, highlights the fair's comprehensive nature, stating, "I've heard that the VK Education Fair will have experts providing insights on in-demand courses and career paths. I'm looking forward to getting guidance on courses like Petroleum Engineering and Aerospace Engineering, as well as information on scholarships and educational loans."

Overall, students are excited about the VK Education Fair and are encouraging everyone to participate. They appreciate the wealth of information and opportunities available under one roof and believe that the fair will play a crucial role in shaping their future academic and professional endeavours. **— Prakash VL**

Further details
Date: May 25 & 26
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On a smooth roll

The Essential Guide to Tyre Care for Safety and Performance

Importance of Good Tyres and Regular Maintenance

Tyres are arguably one of the most critical components of any vehicle. They are the only part of the vehicle that makes direct contact with the road, and their condition can significantly impact the vehicle's performance, safety, and fuel efficiency. Despite their importance, tyres are often neglected when it comes to regular vehicle maintenance. Understanding why one should always have good tyres and how to keep them in optimal condition can ensure a safe and smooth driving experience.

Why Good Tyres Matter

1. Safety: The main reason to ensure your vehicle has good tyres is safety. Tyres with adequate tread depth and inflation provide the necessary grip and traction on the road, especially in adverse weather conditions such as rain or snow. Good tyres reduce the risk of skidding and help maintain control of the vehicle, significantly lowering the chances of accidents. Worn-out or poorly maintained tyres can lead to blowouts, loss of control, and longer braking distances, all of which can have catastrophic consequences.

2. Performance: Good tyres are essential for optimal vehicle performance. They ensure better handling, stability, and comfort while driving. High-quality tyres can improve acceleration, cornering, and braking efficiency. Whether you are driving on a smooth highway or a rough country road, the right tyres can make a substantial difference in how your vehicle responds and performs.

3. Fuel Efficiency: Properly maintained tyres can enhance your vehicle's fuel efficiency. Under-inflated tyres create more rolling resistance, which means the engine has to work harder to move the vehicle, leading to increased fuel consumption. Conversely, tyres with the correct pressure reduce rolling resistance and improve fuel economy. Ensuring your tyres are in good condition can save you money at the pump and reduce your carbon footprint.

4. Longevity: Investing in good tyres and maintaining them properly can extend their lifespan, providing better value for your money. Regular maintenance, such as rotation, alignment, and balancing, helps distribute wear evenly and prevents premature deterioration. This means you won't have to replace your tyres as frequently, which can be a significant cost saving over time.

How to Maintain Your Tyres

To keep your tyres in top condition and ensure they perform at their best, regular maintenance checks are essential. Here are some key aspects to consider:

1. Regularly Check Tyre Pressure: Maintaining the correct tyre pressure is crucial for safety, performance, and fuel efficiency. Check your tyre pressure at least once a month and before long trips. Use a reliable tyre pressure gauge and refer to your vehicle's owner manual for the recommended pressure levels. Remember to check the pressure when the tyres are cold for an accurate reading.

2. Inspect Tread Depth: The tread on your tyres provides the necessary grip and traction. Over time, the tread wears down, reducing its effectiveness. Use a tread depth gauge to check the depth. Most experts recommend replacing tyres when the tread depth reaches 2/32 of an inch. Some tyres have tread wear indicators that show when they need replacing. Regularly inspecting the tread can help you avoid driving on dangerous, worn-out tyres.

3. Rotate Your Tyres: Tyre rotation involves changing the position of each tyre on the vehicle. This practice helps ensure even wear, extending the lifespan of your tyres. It's typically recommended to rotate your tyres every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Consult your vehicle's owner manual for specific guidelines on tyre rotation patterns and intervals.

4. Check for Signs of Damage: Regularly inspect your tyres for signs of damage such as cuts, cracks, bulges, or punctures. Damaged tyres can lead to blowouts or sudden loss of control while driving. If you notice any damage, have the tyre inspected by a professional. It's better to repair or replace a tyre than to risk driving on a compromised one.

5. Ensure Proper Alignment and Balancing: Wheel alignment and balancing are critical for tyre health. Misaligned wheels can cause uneven wear, affecting the vehicle's handling and safety. Unbalanced wheels can lead to vibrations, which can cause premature tyre wear and damage to suspension components. Regularly have your wheels aligned and balanced by a professional, especially if you notice uneven tyre wear or your vehicle pulling to one side.

6. Avoid Overloading Your Vehicle: Overloading your vehicle can put excessive stress on your tyres, leading to increased wear and the risk of blowouts. Always adhere to the manufacturer's load recommendations. Check your vehicle's owner manual for the maximum load capacity and avoid exceeding it.

Increases efficiency

Good tyres are indispensable for the safety, performance, and efficiency of your vehicle. By maintaining the correct tyre pressure, inspecting tread depth, checking for damage and other things, you can maximize the lifespan and performance of your tyres.

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City students clinch top ranks in COMED-K test

Bengaluru students clinched the top four spots in the undergraduate entrance test organised by COMED-K, with results announced recently. Balasathya Saravanan secured the first rank, followed by Devansh Tripathi at second, Sanaa Tabassum at third, and Praket Goel at fourth. The fifth rank was achieved by Manasu Singh Rajput from Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.

Dr. S Kumar, the executive secretary of COMED-K, explained, "Out of the 1,18,005 candidates who applied for Engineering UG seats, approximately 1,03,799 (comprising 35,124 from Karnataka and 68,675 from Non-Karnataka regions) appeared for the test on 12th May 2024. Following this, Provisional Answer Keys were released on 14th May 2024, and candidates were invited to submit challenges or objections. Around 50 candidates raised challenges against the answer keys. Considering the inputs from the Expert Committee, Final Answer Keys were published on May 21."

He elaborated on the ranking process, stating, "Since the exam was conducted in multiple sessions, percentile scores were used to determine the ranks. Accordingly, COMEDK has released the ranks of eligible candidates for the COMEDK Counseling process today. Candidates can access their ranks through their respective 'Applicant login'."

Rank cards for eligible candidates have been generated and are accessible via their 'applicant login' on the COMEDK website (www.comedk.org). The counseling process will be conducted online, requiring candidates to upload scanned copies of their documents through their login. These documents will undergo verification by expert verification officers, Dr Kumar said. **BMB**

Age of sewage returns

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"The BBMP has set up a storm water drain (SWD) and left it open at the boundary of the lake. This SWD is carrying sewage from catchment areas within the vicinity of 5-10 sq km and it is the same sewage that is making its way into nearby communities. After the rains, it has become overwhelming and everything gushes into the boundaries of the lake, seeping through."

He added that despite the tremendous effort taken up by the locals and forest department in collaboration with IISc for rejuvenation, the lake is now back to its detrimental state.

Dr KS Sangunni, a retired professor from the Indian Institute of Science and the chairperson of the trust, told BM that the lake development was meticulously planned in consultation with experts from the IISc. "The design of the lake was meant to ensure the sewage entering through the inlet does not contaminate the lake. To achieve this, the lake's inlet was strategically crafted. If the water entering the lake primarily consisted of sewage, it would be diverted through a diversion channel.

However, during the monsoon, when heavy rainfall occurs, the inlets would allow direct entry of rainwater. In this scenario, the small amount of sewage carried by the rainwater would be naturally filtered in the lake's shallow areas before reaching the deeper sections. The water in the lake, although not suitable for drinking, provides a suitable habitat for fish to thrive," he said.

Dr Sangunni highlighted that a groundbreaking passive treatment plant was implemented for the first time at the deep end of the lake in 2017.

This innovative plant automatically provides 1 MLD of treated water to replenish the lake during times of evaporation, ensuring it remains at a sufficient level even in the dry season. The effectiveness of this system has been evident, as confirmed by a biodiversity survey conducted by an IISc student in 2020, which yielded encouraging results.

Additionally, regular student outreach visits have taken place to educate and engage the community. However, Dr Sangunni expressed concern over a recent development where the lake seems to be turning into a sewage dump, as evidenced by a visible change in its colour.

A resident living in one of the communities affected by sewage entry and flooding said that the municipal body must churn out a plan that does not involve letting in the contaminated water into the water body, at the earliest.

"While we are facing a grave problem, we understand that the sewage cannot be let into the lake abruptly, without being adequately treated and looked into. The departments (BBMP and BWSSB) must collaborate to come up with a sustainable and effective solution," she said.

BBMP has attributed the floods in Yelahanka to the absence of proper SWDs and sewage lines. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has said that as a temporary measure, they have installed pumps to remove the water, temporarily redirecting it to Puttenahalli Lake.

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Fashion With A Conscience

Here Are 7 Tips For Responsible Clothing Care

In a world where fast fashion often takes center stage, embracing responsible clothing care practices can make a significant difference. It not only extends the life of your garments but also reduces your environmental footprint and contributes to a more sustainable future.

"Taking care of our clothes begets mindful consumption and has other benefits like cost savings, preserving craftsmanship, ethical consumption, personal value, resource conservation, etc. The biggest benefit, however, is the positive environmental aspect," says Surabhi Chopra, Founder at Surabhi Chopra Label, who feels that taking care of clothes impacts the longevity of the garment.

Here's what the expert says to cultivate responsible clothing care practices:

Care instructions

Every garment comes with instructions. This includes wash care, ironing, drying instructions, etc. Following these care instructions ensures that you use the suggested methods and temperatures for washing and drying. This prevents damage to the garment and increases its life. This is especially beneficial for customized or handcrafted clothing.

Spot clean

Washing causes a lot of wear and tear in clothing over time. Therefore, it is advisable to wear clothes multiple times before washing them. For minor spills and stains, use a gentle detergent or a natural stain remover. You can also spot clean the affected area instead of subjecting the entire garment to rigorous washing. This not only protects your garment from wear and tear but also prevents harsh chemicals from entering the water table.

Cold water

One of the best tips when it comes to taking care of clothing is to use cold water. Washing clothes in cold water prevents color bleeding and shrinking. It also saves energy! Therefore, until your garment is not heavily soiled or has hard stains, wash it in cold water.

Learn basic mending

Fast fashion has changed the way we treat our clothes. We often discard our clothing after small tears, loose hems, or missing buttons. Therefore, learn a few basic repair techniques. With simple repair skills like button sewing, you can repair minor damage and extend the life of your clothes.

Storage

Improper storage is a leading cause of clothing damage. It can wrinkle the fabric, cause it to lose its shape, overcrowding the clothes in wardrobes can lead to fabric damage, etc. Therefore, neatly stack the garments. Avoid hanging heavy garments or knits as these can stretch and lose their shape over time.

Rotate your wardrobe

We all have favorites when it comes to clothing. We tend to overuse the garments we love but it is necessary to rotate your wardrobe to follow responsible fashion. This will ensure that the wear and tear is evenly distributed and allow each piece in your wardrobe to last longer. Besides this, learn to donate or recycle. Instead of discarding clothes if you outgrow them, consider donating. Before donating, always ensure that the clothing is in good condition.

Drying and direct sunlight

Similar to washing, drying clothes in a dryer can lead to shrinkage, lint, loss of shape, etc. Try to air dry clothes as this is the gentlest way.

Besides this, avoid exposure to direct sunlight as this can cause the colors to fade over time.

Each garment, be it fast fashion or slow fashion, has numerous amounts of energy and resources, both machine and human, invested in it. Therefore, educate yourself on sustainable fashion practices that will help you make conscious choices that support responsible clothing care.

–Kayalvizhi Arivalan, Femina

Tips to pick the right swimsuit for a vacation

Looking for a new swimsuit for an upcoming vacay? Well, before you hit the stores, take a few minutes to consider what's important to you. Are you looking for a suit that'll show off your curves? Or are you leaning towards comfort and function? Regardless of your priorities, keep these tips in mind before making a purchase.

Check For Adjustable Features

We all know that finding the right swimsuit—one that fits perfectly can be a tad bit challenging. Make things easier by looking for suits that can be adapted to your needs for instance adjustable straps that can prevent them from falling down or digging into your shoulders. Removable cups are also good, once the suit gets old, you can always easily replace them without buying a new one.

Buy According To Your Body Type

One of the key things to keep in mind while swimsuit shopping is buying according to your body type. "If you're pear-shaped, look for a suit that has a ruched or gathered top to create curves and to overall balance your figure," says Anjali Kamat Patil, Founder of Meraki Life. If you're bottom-heavy, opt for a high-waisted suit or a printed one.

Think About The Occasion

Are you shopping only for the holiday? Do you intend to wear it to the beach? Or do you also plan on wearing your new suit to some really cool beach parties? "If you're not keen on making two purchases, get a plain swimsuit and edgy coverups and this way you can make the most out of your suit," advices Shikha Berry, Founder of Tizzi. Additionally, remember to keep the activities you'd be doing in your swimsuit in mind. For example, if you intend to get a sun tan by hanging on the beach, a string bikini works fine, but if you mean to surf or participate in water sports, opt for a full piece with thick straps or long sleeves for sun protection.

Opt For A Underwire Bikini

Here's a great tip to remember before buying a bikini. No matter your bra size, look for bikinis that come with an underwire as they can offer some additional support, and even a little boost. Visible underwired bikinis are all the rage currently and for good reason.

Cool Swimsuits That Rank High On Your List

One look at the 'gram and you're bound to come across some really cool brands these days. Of these, you can pick the ones that are high on your radar for the features that they offer.

– Femina

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Palike's wet mix plan is turning out damp squib

Palike fills up potholes, but poor quality mix raises more questions

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When work began on filling up potholes at Balaji Layout and Holiday Village, residents of the areas were happy, but only days later some of the work has already started coming undone

Residents of Balaji Layout and Holiday Village, who had been struggling with infrastructure problems for over three years, were relieved when the BBMP finally sent workers to fill the potholes on their roads. However, their joy is short-lived when they come across the quality of wet mix used for filling up potholes and craters on the roads near Manjunatha Kalyana Mantapa and Balaji Layout.

Commenting on the issue, VK Srivasta the secretary of Change Makers of Kanakapura Road says, "We have to thank the BBMP authorities for taking measures to fill up potholes but we are not happy with the quality of the material used for filling the potholes and craters. We expected the BBMP to use a hot mix for potholes. The wet mix may not last more than two days with heavy vehicles now diverted onto this road."

Residents added that the potholes and craters have made commuting difficult for motorists on these roads. They mentioned that they have been appealing to the authorities concerned regarding the same but nothing has been done till Thursday. "I came across the wet mix used for filling on the road near Manjunatha Kalyana Mantapa. The poor quality of the wet mix will create problems for motorists instead of easing their commute on these roads," says Pavan Devaraj, a resident. Recently, traffic police diverted traffic to the road near Manjunatha Kalyana Mantapa due to the main road closure for water pipe laying. Abhisekh, a resident, urges authorities to fill potholes near Vajarahalli for smoother vehicle movement.

Dr Vineetha Srivatsava, a resident, emphasises the urgency of improving Holiday Village Road, warning of potential major accidents due to potholes. She urges BBMP to asphalt the road, crucial for residents and hundreds of students accessing the main road.

> **"We expected the BBMP to use a hot mix for potholes. The wet mix may not last more than two days with heavy vehicles diverted onto this road**
> – VK Srivasta, Change Makers

BBMP engineer Guru Prasad clarified that wet mix was a temporary solution to fill potholes and craters, aiming to prevent accidents. He assured that the road would be asphalted at a suitable time."The objective is to avoid accidents on this road. We will asphalt this road at an appropriate time," he said.

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Water crisis

Benson Town

Benson Town has been facing a longstanding water problem at M R S Playa Hilltop.

Footpath deteriorates

Jayanagar

The footpath once well kept is now deteriorated because of poor maintenance.

Bengaluru's lake areas covered by trees, but all is not hunky-dory

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A spatial analysis of lakes conducted by a city-based NGO shows that nearly half the lake area in Bengaluru is covered by trees and shrubs. The study done to assess the impacts of planting invasive species on Lakes in Bengaluru Urban and its surrounding districts also shows that while 49% of lake areas in Bengaluru Urban are covered with vegetation, lakes in Anekal Taluk have a higher coverage at 57%. In Bengaluru rural, over 40% of lake areas consist of tree and shrub cover.

According to Paani, the NGO that has carried out the assessment, though trees in the peripherals of lakes play crucial roles in maintaining ecosystem health, when trees, especially invasive and exotic species, are planted directly on lake beds, they pose problems. This misplacement transforms lakes into woodlands, altering their ecological and hydrological functions.

"Trees planted around the peripheries of lakes maintain lake ecosystem health by filtering pollutants, stabilizing shoreline soils, providing habitat for diverse wildlife, regulating water temperature through shading, maintaining stream channel structures by reducing runoff velocity, and absorbing excess water during heavy rainfall to mitigate flood risks," noted the assessment report.

The results showed that around 47% of the lake area in the Hesaraghatta catchment has been affected by plantation activities as of 2023. In Chikkaballapura, as much as 35% of lake areas have tree and shrub coverage, in Kolar, it is 38%, and in Tumkuru, tree and shrub cover accounts for 38% of lake areas. These invasive species have transformed large portions of the lakes into forest-type woodlands, which has significant implications for water storage, water quality, and aquatic biodiversity.

Planting trees directly on lake beds not advisable, finds report

The assessment report underlines that trees and shrubs in lake beds lead to higher levels of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus in water as the organic matter decays. This leads to the rapid growth of algae, which blocks sunlight from entering water bodies. Eventually, the algae die, and bacteria digest the dead plants, using up the remaining oxygen. This leads to reduced levels of dissolved oxygen in the water that can stress or kill fish and other aquatic life that require oxygen for survival. Also in water bodies with low oxygen levels, further decomposition of organic matter can also produce hydrogen sulfide gas, causing a rotten egg smell. Invasive species such as Prosopis juliflora also produce special chemical substances from their roots, leaves, and fruits to prevent other plants from growing too close. Leaching of chemicals from its leaves can then be washed into nearby water bodies, leading to changes in water quality.

Experts argue that the changes in water quality and the physical environment can alter habitat conditions, affecting the biodiversity of aquatic ecosystems. Some species may thrive, while others may suffer or decline due to altered conditions.

They suggest that further tree planting on lake beds should be discouraged and non-native large trees such as eucalyptus, or Acacia and silver oak should be removed from lake beds. "Efforts to control invasive species should be increased. Trees should be restricted to the catchment areas and peripheries, not the lakebeds. Collaborative efforts among stakeholders, including the Minor Irrigation Department, local panchayats, and citizens, are crucial to rectify the consequences of past inappropriate planting practices by the forest department," noted the study.

The Electrifying Boom of Electric Vehicles in India

Electric vehicles (EVs) are sparking a revolution in India's automotive industry, captivating environmentally conscious consumers and driving a shift towards sustainable transportation. While petrol and diesel vehicles still dominate the market, the surge in EV adoption is undeniable, fueled by a combination of eco-friendly appeal, lower operational costs, and government-backed incentives. This article explores the booming popularity of EVs in India, delving into the reasons behind their rise and the transformative impact they are having on the country's transportation landscape.

Eco-Friendly Appeal and Lower Operating Costs

One of the primary drivers of the EV boom is their eco-friendly nature. EVs produce significantly less carbon dioxide and noise pollution compared to traditional combustion engine vehicles, making them a preferred choice for those concerned about environmental impact. Additionally, EVs offer lower operating costs, with reduced fuel expenses and minimal maintenance requirements due to fewer moving parts and simplified mechanical systems.

Government Incentives and Policies

The Indian government has taken proactive steps to incentivize EV adoption and accelerate the transition towards clean mobility. Policies such as tax exemptions, subsidies, and favorable financing options have made EVs more affordable and accessible to consumers. These incentives not only reduce the upfront cost of purchasing an EV but also make ongoing ownership and maintenance more economical.

Manufacturer Initiatives and Promotions

In addition to government support, manufacturers are playing a pivotal role in driving EV adoption. They are offering attractive discounts, promotions, and special financing schemes to encourage consumers to switch to EVs. These initiatives not only make EVs more appealing from a financial standpoint but also showcase the technological advancements and benefits they offer, such as enhanced performance, advanced features, and improved range.

Benefits of Electric Vehicles

The advantages of owning an EV extend beyond environmental considerations. EVs offer smoother and quieter rides, contributing to a more comfortable driving experience. Their regenerative braking systems also help to conserve energy and extend driving range. Furthermore, EVs require less frequent maintenance compared to internal combustion engine vehicles, translating into long-term cost savings for owners.

Overcoming Challenges and Industry Growth

While the EV industry initially faced challenges related to quality and service, significant strides have been made in addressing these concerns. Improved technology, infrastructure development, and enhanced customer support have bolstered consumer confidence in EVs. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in demand across various segments, including two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers.

Future Outlook and Electrification Goals

The future of EVs in India looks promising, with the government aiming to electrify 30% of the country's vehicle fleet by 2030. This ambitious target aligns with global efforts to combat climate change and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. The EV industry is poised for rapid growth, driven by evolving consumer preferences, advancing technology, and a growing awareness of environmental sustainability.

A Greener and Smarter Future

The boom of electric vehicles represents a paradigm shift in India's automotive landscape, heralding a greener and smarter future.

As more consumers embrace EVs for their environmental benefits, cost savings, and enhanced driving experience, the momentum towards sustainable transportation continues to build.

With ongoing innovation, supportive policies, and a commitment to cleaner mobility, electric vehicles are poised to reshape the way we commute and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient transportation ecosystem.

Electric SUV revolution has hit the road

The rising demand for Electric SUVs (ESUVs) is a noticeable trend both in India and across the globe, especially among middle-class consumers. ESUVs stand out for their superior fuel efficiency, reduced emissions, and spacious interiors compared to traditional petrol and diesel vehicles. The article underlines several key points regarding the surge in ESUV popularity:

ESUVs are garnering increasing attention primarily due to their eco-friendly features and impressive fuel efficiency. This eco-conscious aspect resonates well with consumers who prioritize sustainability in their vehicle choices. Additionally, the Indian government's ambitious target of electrifying 30% of the country's vehicle fleet by 2030 has further fueled the demand for ESUVs, aligning with the broader push towards clean and sustainable transportation.

The global market for ESUVs is also seeing a significant uptick, with countries like China, Spain, and Japan witnessing a notable surge in demand for these vehicles. This global trend underscores the growing preference for electric vehicles as a viable and environmentally responsible mode of transportation on an international scale.

The historical evolution of ESUVs is noteworthy, with the concept dating back to 1949 when the first ESUV was introduced. Today's ESUVs typically feature advanced unibody construction, a testament to the continuous innovation and technological advancements driving the modern automotive industry forward. Despite having a previous era of popularity in the 1990s and 2000s, ESUVs are experiencing a resurgence in demand, thanks to advancements in technology and a renewed emphasis on environmental sustainability.

One of the standout attributes of ESUVs is their spacious interior design and seating capacity compared to conventional cars. This makes them an attractive option, particularly for families seeking ample room and comfort during long trips. The affordability factor plays a pivotal role in the rising demand for ESUVs, with starting prices around Rs 6.60 lakh, making them accessible to middle-class demographic.

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Mango and jackfruit fair kicks off at Lalbagh

Until June 10, savour finest fruits straight from farmers' orchards & support local agriculture at the vibrant mango and jackfruit fair

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The eagerly awaited Mango and Jackfruit Sale Fair has commenced at Lalbagh, from May 24 to June 10, 2024. Organised by the Department of Horticulture and the Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation (KSMD), the fair promises a diverse array of high-quality fruits directly from farmers' orchards to consumers.

The Mango and Jackfruit Sale Fair is a unique opportunity for Bengaluru's citizens and surrounding areas to enjoy high-quality fruits while supporting local farmers. Karnataka's mango crop faces a significant shortfall this year due to extreme weather conditions, with only 30 per cent of the expected yield of 12-14 lakh tonnes available. Despite this, the fair aims to provide fresh, naturally ripe, and carbonated mangoes and jackfruits at reasonable prices. The fair's objectives are threefold: to ensure consumers access high-quality fruits, to establish a direct link between farmers and consumers, and to showcase the variety and characteristics of Karnataka's mango and jackfruit cultivars. "Our goal is to support our farmers by providing a platform where they can offer their best produce directly to the public, ensuring both quality and fair pricing," said a Horticulture Department official.

Visitors at the Mango and Jackfruit Mela at Lalbagh

The selection process for participants was stringent, with priority given to progressive farmers who have consistently supplied quality fruits and attended technical training. The Lalbagh venue has been equipped with basic infrastructure to facilitate the sale of fruits. Seventy-four stalls are dedicated to mango growers, nine to jackfruit growers, and fourteen to sellers of mango and other fruit products.

From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily, visitors can purchase fresh fruits, including popular mango varieties like Badami, Mallika, Amrapali, Dasheri, Banganapalli, Raspuri, Imam Pasanda, Sugargutti, Kalapad, Kesar Malgoa, Sandura, Totapuri, and Neelam. These varieties, known for their unique aroma, flavour, pulp content, and geographical indication (GI) tags, will be available in attractive cartons, cloth bags, and biodegradable bags.

Additionally, the fair includes prominent jackfruit growers, showcasing cultivars in various sizes and colours, such as yellow, saffron, and red. With Karnataka producing 39.92 thousand metric tonnes of jackfruit annually over 2309 hectares, the fair is a significant opportunity for consumers to experience the best of these fruits.

The KSMD and farmer representatives have formed a committee to set fair market prices for different fruit varieties, ensuring consumer affordability. The event also marks the promotion of Karnataka's mangoes in domestic and international markets, with a new brand name and logo.

DID YOU KNOW?

India may not be the first country you think of for wine, but Karnataka boasts 17 wineries producing world-class wines, including sparkling, fruity, and barrel-matured reserve wines. Grover Zampa, one of Bengaluru's original vineyards, uses an optical sorting machine to select the best grapes for fermentation. At Kādu, you can learn about winemaking and participate in grape-stomping, with a portion of proceeds supporting tiger conservation in Karnataka. SDU Winery, India's first female-owned boutique vineyard, hosts exclusive wine-tasting dinners and private events.

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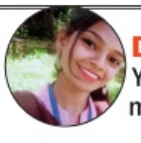
where Bengalureans speak their mind

Do you think parks are well maintained in Bengaluru, and if not, why?

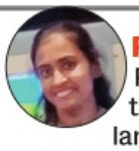
Raghavendra, BM Reader
Some parks are well maintained. Active involvement of local communities contribute to the maintenance of parks. Municipal authorities and local government bodies invest in the upkeep of parks as part of urban development.

Ramesh, BM Reader
No, only some famous parks are well maintained; others are not. Bengaluru's weather can pose challenges for park maintenance. Drainage issues, overgrown vegetation, muddy pathways may result from seasonal variations.

Devaraju, BM Reader
Bengaluru parks are almost well maintained. We can see many parks in Bengaluru that contribute to the city's aesthetics and serve as attractions for residents and tourists alike. The appeal of these green spaces often leads to increased efforts in maintaining their beauty and functionality.



Divya, BM Reader
Yes, most of the parks are well maintained in Bengaluru.



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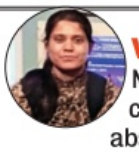
Parks in Bengaluru are well maintained through regular cleaning, landscaping, and maintenance activities carried out by the city's civic authorities. They often engage in tree pruning, waste management, and periodic upgrades to recreational facilities.



Vinutha, BM Reader
No, in areas where there's limited community involvement, the absence of active participants in park upkeep initiatives may contribute to maintenance issues. A lack of awareness or interest can impact the overall condition of the parks.

SPEAK TO US

Can you share any memorable or horrible experiences in BMTC buses?

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Super bikes: The New Status Symbol

In recent years, there has been a notable shift among young people towards owning high-end bikes, particularly super bikes. This trend signifies a change in what is considered a status symbol, moving away from cars to these powerful two-wheelers. The allure of riding a high-end bike lies in the thrill and sense of freedom it offers, an experience that is uniquely different from driving a car.

For many years, cars were the ultimate status symbol, representing success and luxury. However, among today's youth, high-end bikes have taken over as the new emblem of luxury and freedom. These bikes are not just vehicles; they are a statement of style, personality, and a desire for adventure. Owning a high-end bike signals a willingness to embrace the open road and the unpredictable nature of biking journeys.

The Unique Experience of Riding

Suhas Gowda, a passionate bike enthusiast, describes riding a bike as an experience that cannot be replicated by driving a car. He stresses the unmatched thrill of riding on winding roads, where every twist and turn adds to the excitement. The sense of connection with the road and the surroundings is far more intimate on a bike. The wind rushing past, the engine's roar, and the sense of freedom make biking a unique and exhilarating experience.

Solo Bike Trips and Adventure

An increasing number of young people are now opting for solo bike trips. These adventures offer a chance to explore new places at one's own pace, providing a sense of independence and self-reliance. Riders often carry cameras to capture the stunning landscapes and memorable moments encountered along the way. These trips are not just about the destination but about the journey itself, which is filled with opportunities for personal growth and discovery.

The Rise of Super Bikes

Super bikes, defined as bikes with an engine capacity of over 500cc, are gaining immense popularity among young enthusiasts. These powerful machines offer a unique riding experience, combining speed, agility, and advanced technology. The appeal of super bikes lies in their performance capabilities and the prestige associated with owning such high-end vehicles. Riders appreciate the engineering excellence and the adrenaline rush that comes with handling these powerful bikes.

The Growing Number of Women Bikers

Biking is no longer a male-dominated activity. A growing number of women are taking to biking, breaking stereotypes and embracing the freedom it offers. The rise of women bikers is a testament to the changing perceptions and increasing acceptance of women in all aspects of life, including adventure sports. These women are not just casual riders; many are passionate enthusiasts who participate in long-distance rides, biking clubs, and competitive events. Their presence is expanding the biking community and inspiring others to take up this thrilling hobby.

Cultural shift

The growing trend of owning high-end bikes among young people reflects a broader cultural shift towards valuing experiences over possessions. These bikes are not just modes of transportation; they are vehicles of freedom, adventure, and self-expression. The increasing popularity of super bikes and the rise of women bikers further illustrate the evolving dynamics of this trend. Biking is becoming an increasingly popular hobby, with high-end bikes serving as powerful symbols of luxury and the thrill of the open road. As more young people embrace this lifestyle, the biking community will continue to grow and diversify, fostering a culture of adventure and camaraderie.

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BAD, BAD TOUCH

Strategies you use to keep children safe from sexual abuse may be outdated

Child sexual abuse is uncomfortable to think about, much less talk about. The idea of an adult engaging in sexual behaviors with a child feels sickening. It's easiest to believe that it rarely happens, and when it does, that it's only to children whose parents aren't protecting them.

This belief stayed with me during my early days as a parent. I kept an eye out for creepy men at the playground and was skeptical of men who worked with young children, such as teachers and coaches. When my kids were old enough, I taught them what a "good touch" was, like a hug from a family member, and what a "bad touch" was, like someone touching their private parts.

But after nearly a quarter-century of conducting research – 15 years on family violence, another eight on child abuse prevention, including sexual abuse – I realised that many people, including me, were using antiquated strategies to protect our children.

As the founder of the Center for Violence Prevention Research, I work with organizations that educate their communities and provide direct services to survivors of child sexual abuse. From them, I have learned much about the everyday actions all of us can take to help keep our children safe. Some of it may surprise you.

Wrong assumptions

First, my view of what constitutes child sexual abuse was too narrow. Certainly, all sexual activities between adults and children are a form of abuse. But child sexual abuse also includes nonconsensual sexual contact between two children. It includes noncontact offenses such as sexual harassment, exhibitionism and using children to produce imagery of sexual abuse. Technology-based child sexual abuse is rising quickly with the rapid evolution of internet-based games, social media, and content generated by artificial intelligence.

My assumption that child sexual abuse didn't happen in my community was wrong too. The latest data shows that at least 1 in 10 children, but likely closer to 1 in 5, experience sexual abuse. Statistically, that's at least two children in my son's kindergarten class.

Child sexual abuse happens across all ethnoracial groups, socioeconomic statuses and all gender identities. Reports of female victims outnumber males, but male victimization is likely underreported because of stigma and cultural norms about masculinity.

I've learned that identifying the "creepy man" at the playground is not an effective strategy. At least 90% of child sexual abusers know their victims or the victims' family prior to offending. Usually, the abuser is a trusted member of the community; sometimes, it's a family member.

> **Tech-based child sexual abuse is rising with the rapid evolution of internet-based games, social media, and content generated by artificial intelligence**

In other words, rather than search for a predator in the park, parents need to look at the circle of people they invite into their home.

To be clear, abuse by strangers does happen, and teaching our kids to be wary of strangers is necessary. But it's the exception, not the norm, for child sexual abuse offenses.

Most of the time, it's not even adults causing the harm. The latest data shows more than 70% of self-reported child sexual abuse is committed by other juveniles. Nearly 1 in 10 young people say they caused some type of sexual harm to another child. Their average age at the time of causing harm is between 14 and 16.

Now for a bit of good news: The belief that people who sexually abuse children are innately evil is an oversimplification. In reality, only about 13% of adults and approximately 5% of adolescents who sexually harm children commit another sexual offense after five years. The recidivism rate is even lower for those who receive therapeutic help.

By contrast, approximately 44% of adults who commit a felony of any kind will commit another offense in a year of prison release.

What parents can do

The latest research says uncomfortable conversations are necessary to keep kids safe. Here are some recommended strategies:

Avoid confusing language. "Good touches" and "bad touches" are no longer appropriate descriptors of abuse. Harmful touches can feel physically good, rather than painful or "bad." Abusers can also manipulate children to believe their touches are acts of love.

The research shows that it's better to talk to children about touches that are "OK" or "not OK," based on who does the touching and where they touch. This dissipates the confusion of something being bad but feeling good.

These conversations require clear identification of all body parts, from head and shoulders to penis and vagina. Using accurate anatomical labels teaches children that all body parts can be discussed openly with safe adults. Also, when children use accurate labels to disclose abuse, they are more likely to be understood and believed.

Encourage bodily autonomy. Telling my children that hugs from family members were universally good touches was also wrong. If children think they have to give hugs on demand, it conveys the message that they do not have authority over their body.

Promote empowerment. Research on adult sexual offenders found the greatest deterrence to completing the act was a vocal child – one who expressed their desire to stop, or said they would tell others.

Monitor your child's social media. Multiple studies show that monitoring guards against sexting or viewing of pornography, both of which are risk factors for child sexual abuse. Monitoring can also reveal permissive or dangerous sexual attitudes the child might have.

Talk to the adults in your circle. Ask those watching your child how they plan to keep your child safe when in their care.

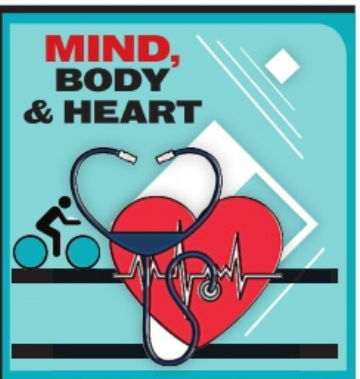
Admittedly, this can be an awkward conversation. I might say, "Hey, I have a few questions that might sound weird, but I think they're important for parents to ask. I'm sure my child will be safe with you, but I'm trying to talk about these things regularly, so this is good practice for me." You may need to educate them on what the research shows.

Ask your child's school what they're doing to educate students and staff about child sexual abuse.

Rely on updated research. Finally, when searching online for information, look for research that's relatively recent – dated within the past five years. These studies should be published in peer-reviewed journals.

And then be prepared for a jolt. You may discover the conventional wisdom you've clung to all these years may be based on outdated – and even harmful – information.

Melissa Bright, University of New Hampshire, The Conversation



All you need to know about...

Schizophrenia help

Important tips
Timely recognition, appropriate treatment along with proper nutrition, exercise, and family history may be key to fighting mental health conditions, said experts on World Schizophrenia Day on Friday.

What is schizophrenia
World Schizophrenia Day is observed every year on May 24 to raise awareness about the treatable mental illness that affects over 20 million people worldwide. Psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, disorganised thoughts, and behaviour are some of the common symptoms.

Symptoms
Schizophrenia is a major psychiatric disorder and it has different subtypes. In schizophrenia, there are predominantly two sets of symptoms. The first set is the positive set of symptoms, where one would be hearing things that others cannot hear, seeing things that others cannot see (hallucinations), or holding on to false beliefs (delusions). The second is the negative symptoms, where the person feels a disconnect from the rest of the world, and becomes socially isolated.

Causal factors
Experts say that genetic factors as well as environmental factors are major risk factors responsible for the onset of schizophrenic illness. "There is a strong family history of schizophrenia or related disorders. We also see that there is a significant role of substance misuse, particularly drugs, which can enhance the dopamine flow in certain areas of the brain, which can be responsible for certain experiences," the doctor explained.

Lifestyle
Dr. Jyoti Kapoor, Manasthali, told IANS that poor lifestyle choices and inadequate nutrition can also pose the risk of developing schizophrenia.

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Two-Wheeler Vehicles Also Need Care

In India, two-wheeler vehicles have emerged as the most convenient and affordable mode of transportation. However, owning a two-wheeler comes with the responsibility of regular maintenance to ensure its longevity, fuel efficiency, and overall safety.

Need for Servicing

Regular servicing and maintenance are crucial for keeping two-wheelers in top condition. Skipping these essential tasks can lead to various problems, including poor performance, higher fuel consumption, and increased environmental pollution. Neglecting maintenance can compromise the safety of the rider, potentially leading to accidents. To help two-wheeler owners maintain their vehicles properly, here are some critical maintenance tips that should not be overlooked.

Clutch and Gear System

The clutch and gear system is the heart of any two-wheeler. Proper usage is essential for the smooth operation of the vehicle. Misusing the clutch or driving in the wrong gear can lead to excessive wear and tear, resulting in costly repairs and reduced vehicle life. It's important to engage the clutch fully when changing gears and to use the correct gear according to the speed and terrain. Regular adjustments and checks by a professional mechanic can help ensure the clutch and gear system remains in good working order.

Exhaust Pipe Care

The exhaust pipe is another critical component that requires regular attention. A clean exhaust pipe helps in reducing emissions and preventing damage to the vehicle. Over time, carbon deposits and other residues can accumulate inside the exhaust pipe, leading to blockages and inefficiency. Regular cleaning can prevent these issues and ensure that the vehicle runs smoothly. A damaged exhaust pipe can be hazardous, potentially leading to accidents or even explosions.

Engine Oil Change

Engine oil is the lifeblood of a two-wheeler's engine. It lubricates the moving parts, reduces friction, and helps in cooling the engine. Over time, engine oil can degrade and become less effective, leading to increased wear and tear on the engine. To prevent this, it is recommended to change the engine oil every 4-6 months, depending on the vehicle's usage and the type of oil used. Regular oil changes help in maintaining the engine's health and longevity, ensuring smooth and efficient performance.

Tire Maintenance

Tires are crucial for maintaining traction and balance, especially on diverse Indian roads. Regularly checking the tire pressure and tread depth is essential for safe riding. Under-inflated or worn-out tires can lead to poor handling, increased fuel consumption, and a higher risk of accidents. It is advisable to inspect the tires regularly and replace them when necessary. Proper tire maintenance not only ensures a safe ride but also extends the life of the tires, providing better value for money.

Fuel Tank Cleaning

The fuel tank plays a vital role in the smooth operation of a two-wheeler. Over time, sediment and other impurities can accumulate at the bottom of the fuel tank, leading to blockages and inefficient fuel flow. Regular cleaning of the fuel tank can prevent these issues and ensure that the engine receives a steady supply of clean fuel. This maintenance task is often overlooked but is crucial for maintaining optimal performance and fuel efficiency.

Brake Pad Inspection

Brakes are one of the most important safety features on any vehicle. Regular inspection and replacement of brake pads are essential to ensure effective braking. Worn-out brake pads can significantly reduce stopping power, increasing the risk of accidents. It is recommended to check the brake pads periodically and replace them when they show signs of wear. Maintaining the brakes in good condition not only ensures safety but also enhances the overall riding experience.

Neglecting Maintenance: The Consequences

Neglecting these essential maintenance tasks can have serious consequences. Reduced fuel efficiency means higher fuel costs and more frequent visits to the petrol station. Increased emissions contribute to environmental pollution, which is a growing concern in many urban areas. Most importantly, neglecting maintenance can compromise the safety of the rider and other road users. Faulty brakes, worn-out tires, and poor engine performance can lead to accidents, some of which may be severe.

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Bengalureans Embrace Weekend Farming for Wellness and Wealth

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Bengalureans are now taking up a unique trend of going back to their roots as more and more residents are turning to farm lands for a taste of tranquility and a bountiful lifestyle. The allure of owning a piece of land outside the urban chaos is drawing Bengalureans towards becoming weekend farmers, nurturing not just crops but also their physical and mental well-being.

The Appeal of Farm Lands

The reasons behind Bengalureans' interest in farm lands are as diverse as the city itself. Some seek an escape from the concrete jungle, craving the peace and serenity that nature provides. Others are motivated by the desire for sustainable living, wanting to grow their own organic produce and reconnect with the earth. Financial investment is also a driving factor, with the potential for agricultural income and land appreciation adding value to these ventures.

Advantages of Weekend Farming

Owning farm land offers a myriad of advantages beyond the obvious agricultural benefits. One of the most significant advantages is the opportunity for relaxation and rejuvenation that comes with spending time in nature. Tending to crops, gardening, or simply enjoying the open spaces can have a therapeutic effect, reducing stress and promoting mental well-being. Additionally, weekend farming promotes physical activity and a healthier lifestyle. Many Bengalureans view it as a way to escape sedentary office routines and engage in meaningful, physical work that keeps them active and fit. The fresh air, sunlight, and physical labor contribute to overall wellness and a sense of accomplishment.

Game changer

Rajesh Gupta, a software engineer turned weekend farmer, shares his experience, "Owning a farm land has been a game-changer for me. It's not just about growing vegetables; it's about finding balance in life. I look forward to my weekends on the farm, away from screens and stress. Being surrounded by greenery and working with my hands has brought me immense joy. I feel more connected to nature and my family enjoys the fresh produce we grow."

New Trend

Garudaiah K, a prominent developer specializing in farm land projects added, "We have seen a steady increase in interest from Bengalureans looking to invest in farm lands. People are recognizing the holistic benefits of weekend farming, from self-sustainability to mental wellness.

The rise of weekend farming among Bengalureans reflects a shift towards a more holistic lifestyle, blending agriculture, leisure, and well-being. Beyond the financial gains, owning farm land offers a sense of fulfillment, connection to nature, and a break from the fast-paced urban life.

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In the past, general election years have witnessed remarkable peaks in the housing market, indicating a strong correlation between elections and residential real estate trends. The years 2014 and 2019 particularly stand out, showcasing significant growth in both sales and new launches across the top 7 cities.

In 2014, approximately 3.45 lakh units were sold, accompanied by a record-breaking 5.45 lakh new units launched. Similarly, in 2019, despite a slowdown post-2015 due to structural reforms like DeMo, RERA, and GST, the market rebounded with around 2.61 lakh units sold and 2.37 lakh units launched.

Decisive election outcomes in 2014 and 2019 played a crucial role in boosting homebuyer sentiment, leading to increased confidence and activity in the real estate sector.

Anuj Puri, Chairman of ANAROCK Group, emphasizes the impact of election results on housing market dynamics, noting that clear election outcomes prompt decisive actions from homebuyers, contributing to market growth.

Examining price trends during election years reveals variations. In 2014, average prices surged by over 6%, while in 2019, the increase was more modest at 1%. These fluctuations reflect market responses to broader economic and political factors.

The residential real estate sector faced challenges between 2016 and 2019, marked by policy reforms and financial disruptions. However, post-2019, the market showed signs of recovery until the pandemic temporarily interrupted momentum in early 2020.

Looking ahead to 2024, several factors indicate a potential surge in housing market activity. Regulatory stability plays a crucial role, with most real estate regulatory reforms already implemented, leading to an industry that has adapted to a more organized and transparent framework. This stability instills confidence among stakeholders, including developers, investors, and homebuyers.

Another factor contributing to the optimistic outlook is economic growth. Projections from international organizations like the IMF suggest robust GDP growth for India. A thriving economy has a positive impact on real estate dynamics by attracting investment and driving demand for properties across various segments.

Controlled inflation further enhances the favorable financial environment in the real estate sector. Stable inflation rates encourage homebuyers to make long-term investments with confidence, knowing that their assets are likely to retain or appreciate in value over time.

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According to data from Indeed, job postings in the IT sector have increased by 41.5 per cent in Hyderabad and 24 per cent in Bengaluru, highlighting the growing prominence of these cities as top destinations for IT professionals.

There has also been a significant growth in job clicks, with a 161 per cent rise in job seeker interest in Hyderabad and an 80 per cent increase in Bengaluru, the report added.

Overall, there has been a decrease in IT job opportunities nationally, with job postings declining by 3.6 per cent, indicating that tech companies are being cautious in hiring due to the uncertain global economic climate, said the report.

The report is based on data related to job postings and job clicks on Indeed's platform in April compared to that of the corresponding month in 2023. The report further revealed that the rise in top five job postings are for skills in analysis, agile, APIs, javascript and SQL.

"Software and IT positions seem to be highly sought after, not just by those currently working in the field but also by individuals looking for new career opportunities. Despite the layoffs, the appeal of IT jobs has risen. This strong interest in IT could also be due to the extensive skill specialisation, training, and experience typically necessary for these roles," Indeed India Head of Sales Sashi Kumar added. – PTI

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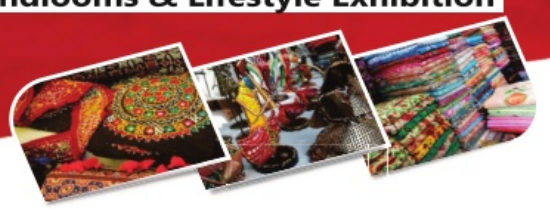

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'All We Imagine...' is the first Indian movie in 30 years to qualify for the festival's competition section, which makes Kapadia a contender for the prestigious Palme d'Or. The eight-minute standing ovation at the end of the film's screening was definitely among the longest of this edition of the film festival. Kapadia is in competition with "European heavyweights such as Jacques Audiard and Yorgos Lanthimos, American auteurs David Cronenberg and Paul Schrader, and Asian visionary Jia Zhangke", as 'IndieWire' reminds us.

Whether the film gets the trophy or not, it did leave international critics impressed after the screening, with Peter Bradshaw of 'The Guardian' showering praise on it for its "freshness and emotional clarity" and comparing Kapadia's "fluent and absorbing" storytelling with Satyajit Ray's in his classics, 'Mahanagar' and 'Aranyer Din Ratri'.

Before the screening, the film's star cast adorned the red carpet on the steps of the Palais du Festival, with Kani Kusruti standing out with her watermelon clutch (designed like a cut section of the fruit!); Divya Prabha looking a world apart from her character in the film in her classy copper-hued gown; and Hridu Haroon appearing in a veshti and long embellished kurta. Kapadia and her co-producer/cinematographer, Ranabir Das settled for formal blacks. **-IANS**

Prize for Mysuru filmmaker

It's a moment of pride for India as the film 'Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know' bagged the first prize of La Cinef on Thursday. Directed by Chidanand S Naik, a student from FTII, Pune, 'Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know' revolves around an elderly woman who steals a rooster and deprives a village of sunlight. Speaking to Variety, Naik shared his experience working on 'Sunflowers...'

"We had only four days. I was basically told not to make this film. It's based on folklore from Karnataka. These are the stories we grew up with, so I was carrying this idea since my childhood," he said.

The Mysuru doctor-turned-filmmaker reportedly made the film at the end of his course. **-ANI**

Preity Zinta sparkles

The wait is finally over! The first look of actress Preity Zinta from the 77th edition of Cannes Film Festival is out.

Preity looked as dreamy as ever in a white outfit. Pictures and videos have been doing the rounds on the internet in which the 'Veer Zaara' star can be seen striking a stylish pose as she flaunts her gorgeous gown.

For the glam, she opted for minimal make-up and tied her hair in a bun.

Preity is in Cannes to present the Pierre Angenieux ExcelLens in Cinematography honour to veteran cinematographer Santosh Sivan. She has worked with Santosh Sivan in several films including her debut movie 'Dil Se..'.

Reportedly, Preity made her Cannes debut in 2006. She attended the premiers of two films 'The Wind That Shakes The Barley' and 'Paris, Je T'aime' and was even lauded for her sense of style. **-ANI**

All for justice

JUDGMENT (KANNADA)
3.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Gururaj Kulkarni
- **ACTORS** Ravichandran, Meghana Gaonkar, Diganth Manchale, Dhanya Ramkumar, Rangayana Raghu, Prakash Belawadi, Ravishankar Gowda, Krishna Hebbale, Nagabhrana, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, Balaji Manohar, and Roopa Rajappa.
- **Duration** 151 minutes
- **Certification** UA

The movie Judgment has not only an ensemble of artists but also throws light on many issues including how a few lawyers, based on available evidence and witnesses, become responsible for the punishment of innocent people, how politicians go to any extent to remain in power and how police will support such politicians.

Director Gururaj Kulkarni, who debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie, has succeeded in his maiden attempt. He has managed to ensure the actors faithfully follow the script.

The movie begins with Anil (Diganth Machale), an employee of a private bank, partying with his friends at a pub. Anil has to meet his client Roopa (Roopa Rayappa) at an apartment that night. She wants to invest money and Anil explains about the best options available to her. She asks him to wait on a balcony for a while as she is expecting another visitor.

Later, Anil finds her lying dead on the bed. He contacts his friend who advises him to escape from the spot. Security guards at the apartment complex hand him over to police. What happens to Anil and who are Govind and Bhargavi and whether Anil remains in prison or not is what the movie is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Ravichandran is at his best and it may not be an exaggeration to say that he has done a much better job as compared to his other recent movies. Though Meghana Gaonkar is paired opposite Ravichandran, there is no provision for them to run around trees. Diganth Machale and Dhanya Ramkumar have acted well. Rangayana Raghu, Manohar Balaji, Krishna Hebbale, Prakash Belawadi, and Roopa Rayappa provide good support. A few dialogues between Prakash Belawadi and Roopa Rayappa are too harsh. Veteran director Nagabharana, who plays the chief minister, appears in a few scenes.

Though the first-half of the movie is a little bit slow, post-intermission, it is a treat to watch. Had the director reduced the run time of the movie 15 or 20 minutes, it would have been a tight thriller.

All in all, it is worth a watch for fans of courtroom dramas. **-Y Maheswara Reddy**

A laughter show

MOORANE KRISHNAPPA (KANNADA)
3.5 RATING ★★★½★
- **DIRECTOR** Naveen Narayanaghatta
- **ACTORS** Rangayana Raghu, Sampath Maitreya, Sripriya, Ugram Manju, Muniyappa Anekal, and Tukali Santhosh.
- **Duration** 141 minutes
- **Certification** UA

Director Naveen Narayanaghatta, who is known for the movies Akira and Relax Satya, deserves appreciation for doing a great job with his third movie Moorane Krishnappa. The plot of the movie is simple but it highlights issues at rural areas while also making the audiences have a hearty laugh. The dialogues, laced with diction of Kolar and Anekal regions, transport the audiences to those regions.

The movie begins with Veeranna (Rangayana Raghu), president of Narayanapura, discussing with his supporters about preparations for the inauguration of a Ganesha temple. One of his supporters suggests Veeranna take the help of Krishnappa (Sampath Maitreya), a mathematics teacher at the school, to rope in an important person to inaugurate the temple. Krishnappa contacts his friend in Bengaluru who promises him to get the Chief Minister as the chief guest for the function at Narayanapura. The president and villagers vie among themselves to show their respect to Krishnappa.

Krishnappa falls in love with Shashi (Sripriya), the widowed daughter of president Veeranna. The villagers make arrangements for the inauguration of the temple but Veeranna comes to know that the Chief Minister, who is expected to inaugurate the temple, is busy with other programmes. Krishnappa tries to contact his friend but in vain. Veeranna and his supporters beat Krishnappa up black and blue. With motivation from Shashi, Krishna comes to Bengaluru looking for his friend who had promised to get the Chief Minister for the function. What happens to Krishnappa and Shashi is what the movie is all about.

Rangayana Raghu has acted well. His dialogues laced with Anekal and Kolar diction are good. His tryst with the villagers and rehearsal on how to welcome the chief minister, are a treat to watch. Sampath Maitreya, who has screen presence from beginning to the end for the first time, is at his best. Ugram Manju plays the role of a womaniser, who wants to contest the election for president's post, with flair. The performances of Tukali Santhosh, who is in the role of a friend of Krishnappa, and Muniyappa Anekal, who plays the personal assistant to president Veeranna, tickle audiences' funny bones.

All in all, it is a good movie to catch.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

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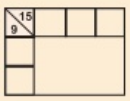
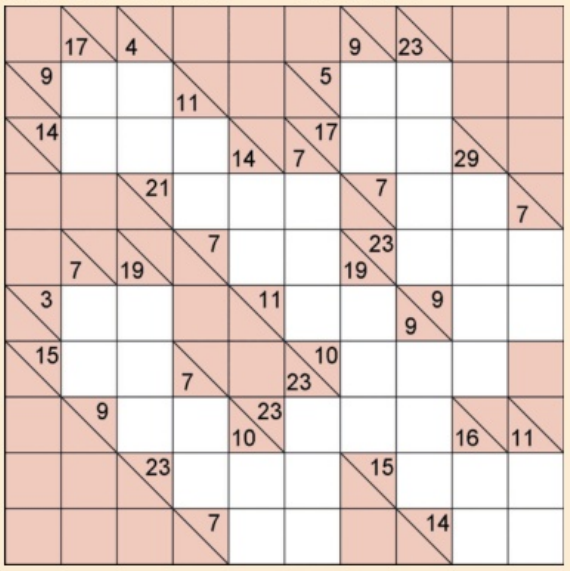
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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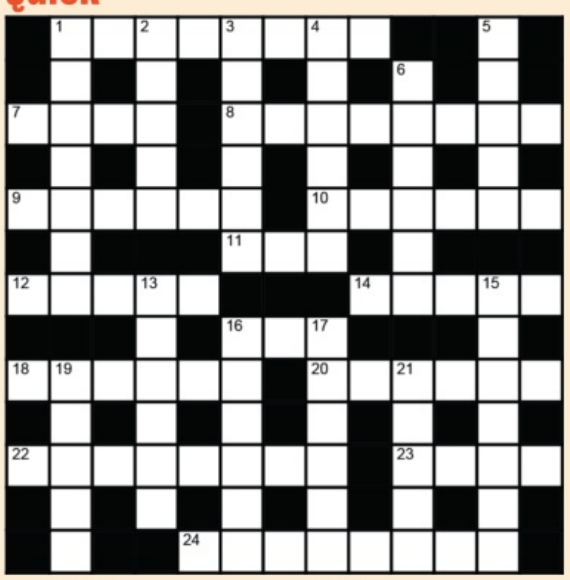


ACROSS

1 A soldier or an infantryman (3-2-3)
7 Singles (4)
8 Retaliation (6)
9 Sings out in carefree jovial manner (6)
10 Rules as a monarch (6)
11 Bond (3)
12 Twists out of shape (5)
14 Leaps, moves up off the ground (5)
16 Dwarf-like fairy (3)
18 Grins (6)
20 Not perfectly circular? (6)
22 Poll (8)
23 Sporting side (4)
24 Taken in toto, not partially (2,1,5)

DOWN

1 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
2 Of the nose (5)
3 Woods (6)
4 Hope to (6)
5 Long for (5)
6 Environment or surroundings (6)
13 Law enforcers (6)
15 Pseudonym (3-4)
16 Notices or sees (6)
17 Until a later time? (3,3)
19 Beach near Udupi (5)
21 Housie or bingo ? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS S

QSRA KORRQKK NMZG FOGK SM SPVYKKYNM CYRDQC CN S VNEQ PYXXYROZC JENFZQV.

Linemaro

Isn't it boring here? You want to go somewhere else?

Mindchow

Science makes mistakes that are useful to make, because they lead to the truth

Joke of the day

Where there's a will, I want to be in it

Loop

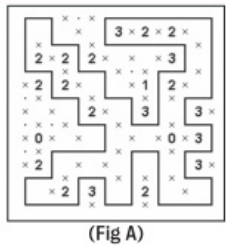
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

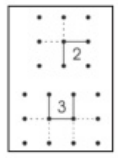
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

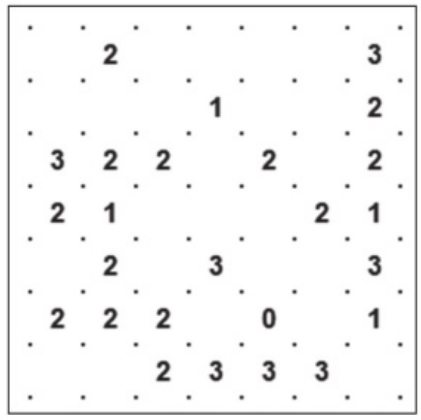
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



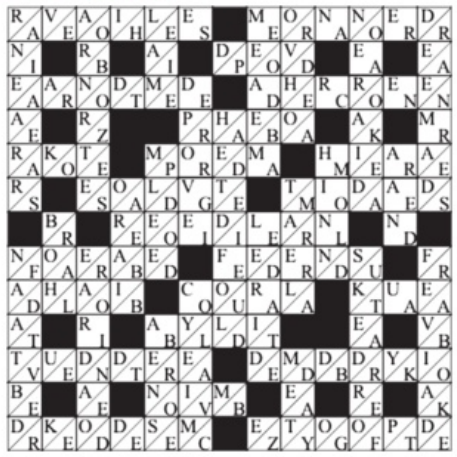
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 P	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Speer; 6 Cored; 7 Resit; 8 I a mum; 9 Gabon

DOWN

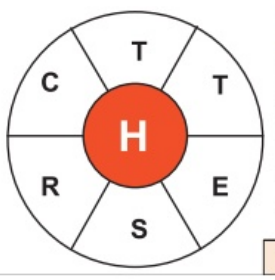
1 Curbs; 2 I romp; 3 Grate; 4 Medea; 5 Noise

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

100, 93, 79, 58, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

4		6			5	8	1	7
	5			8		2		
			2					
						6	2	3
6			9		4			8
7	8	5						
					2			
		4		6			8	
2	9	1	8			3		4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

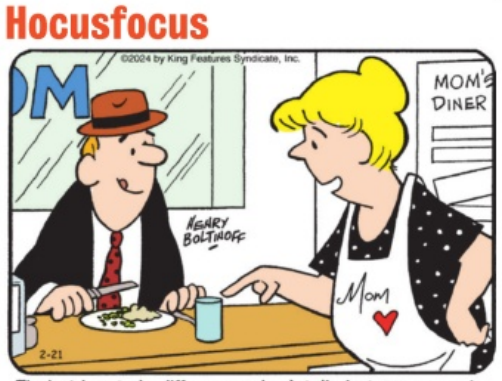
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
2 5 7 9

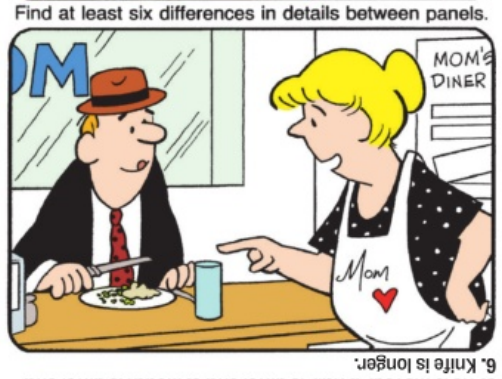
Medium = 4
2 3 5 6

Hard = 60
1 5 6 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



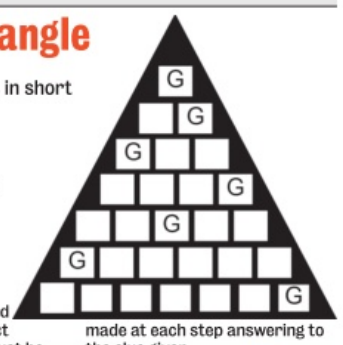
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Glass is taller. 3. Tie is moved. 4. Hair is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Knife is longer.

Riddler

By using each set of letters below, create a compound word out of two separate words. Each of the separate words has a letter in common and that letter is given in the correct position for each word. Use the letters provided only once. The compound word may begin with either of the two separate words. MIOMST ___E___E

Alpha triangle

1 Gravity, symbol
2 Football faux pas in short
3 Snagged
4 Chinese society
5 Metal cast
6 Enter (2,4)
7 A stable position

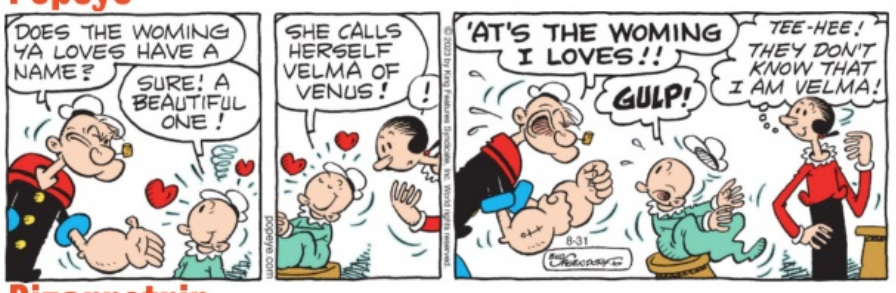


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

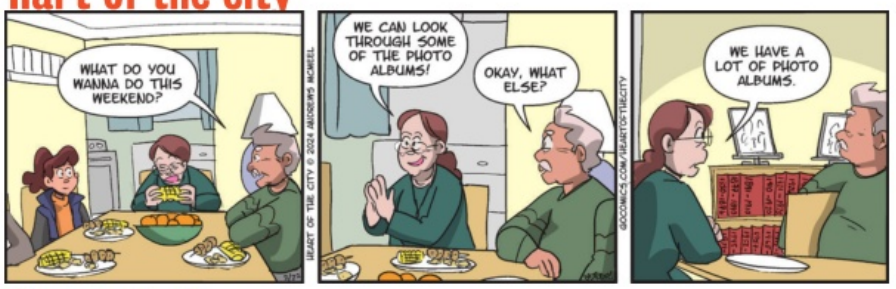
Popeye


DOES THE WOMING YA LOVES HAVE A NAME?
SURE! A BEAUTIFUL ONE!
SHE CALLS HERSELF VELMA OF VENUS!
!
'AT'S THE WOMING I LOVES!!
GULP!
TEE-HEE! THEY DON'T KNOW THAT I AM VELMA!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



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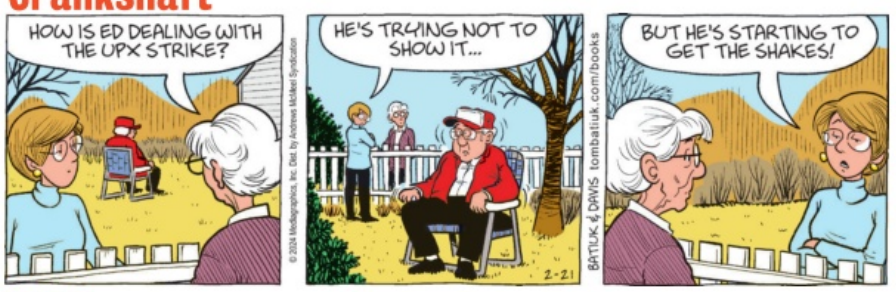

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you'll feel glad as you successfully balance your earnings and expenditures, boosting your finances. Your network will help implement your plans, and your siblings and subordinates will be particularly helpful. Consider visiting elders or religious places.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your energy levels will be high today, making you happy and optimistic about fulfilling your desires through hard work. You might plan outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students can expect good news regarding their studies.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
The morning might be challenging, with feelings of unhappiness and nervousness. However, afternoon, your mood will improve, and your internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. Avoid carelessness in financial, professional, and academic decisions. Keep patience to avoid turning happy moments with your spouse into conflicts. Love birds might plan short trips.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Your tendency to overspend today will affect your savings, so be cautious with your expenses. Be careful expressing yourself both at work and at home. Avoid lending money and postpone important decisions regarding real estate and other assets. Try not to shirk your responsibilities.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, social gatherings will help you re-establish your network, benefiting you in the near future. Those in glamour, art, and fashion may plan something new professionally. Students will perform well in their studies, and love birds will enjoy happy moments together.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You will have a busy day at work, and the overload might tire you, but you'll enjoy your tasks. You'll manage your finances well and avoid spending on worthless items. You'll be more polite with family, friends, and loved ones, and may receive good news from family members.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Professional plans might not go as expected today, leading to feelings of frustration. Avoid making important decisions regarding investments and relationships. Couples and love birds should avoid arguments to maintain harmony. Students should avoid shortcuts in their studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Blessings from elders will boost your confidence today. Follow your intuition before taking any initiatives, as it will help in your work and financial gains. You might plan to visit religious places with your family. Control your arrogance to enjoy domestic life. Students can expect good results with the help of destiny.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You'll feel happy and enjoy your work before noon, but negative feelings might set in during the afternoon, affecting your professional life and possibly causing domestic arguments. Avoid lending money as it might not be easily recoverable. Reflect on your weaknesses and avoid hasty decisions. Occult sciences might attract your interest today.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Blessed by the moon, you'll be in a great mood this morning, feeling more romantic and harmonious in your domestic life. Patience will help you excel professionally, with good coordination with colleagues and business partners.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You'll manage to control unnecessary expenses, boosting your bank balance. Pay attention to your children's health. Singles might see unexpected progress in their love life. Those in travel, diplomacy, and supply chains will perform well. Be mindful of potential stomach issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today's moon will make you more sensitive and emotional. Avoid investing in real estate or other assets. Take care of your parents' health and be patient with work delays. On the professional front, avoid indecisiveness.

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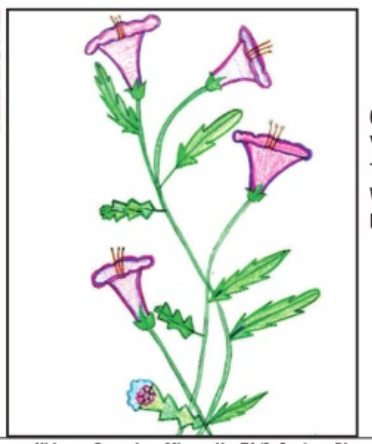

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER SOMETIME

SOLVE IN 1M
8÷2(1)[2(1)]÷4÷[2(1)]^3 =
8÷2(2)÷4÷2^3 =
4(2)÷4÷8 =
8÷½ =
8½

BULL'S EYE chest, etch, retch, STRETCH

FAST FIVE

S	P	R	E	E
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
30: the sequence progresses –7, –14, –21, –28.

QUOTE UNCODE
Each success only buys an admission ticket to a more difficult problem.

SUDOKU

2	9	1	8	5	7	3	6	4
3	7	4	1	6	9	5	8	2
5	6	8	4	3	2	1	7	9
7	8	5	6	2	3	4	9	1
6	3	2	9	1	4	7	5	8
1	4	9	5	7	8	6	2	3
8	1	7	2	4	6	9	3	5
9	5	3	7	8	1	2	4	6
4	2	6	3	9	5	8	1	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, OG, Got, Tong, Ingot, Go into, Footing.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 7 – 9 + 5 = 5
Medium
3 – 6 + 5 x 2 = 4
Hard
4 + 5 + 1 x 6 = 60

LOOP

KAKURO

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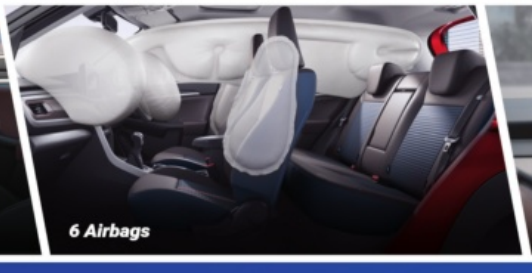

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